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reason for that is to make certain that there are no poorly run private prisons in the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR DIERKS: So the legislation contains some parameters that might be a little more difficult than some people think should be there? Is that the...is that...?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Absolutely, Senator. And I would love to go ahead and explain a little bit more, but I don't want to take your time either.

SENATOR DIERKS: Would you take the rest of my time and tell me the pros and cons of the legislation, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you very much. I appreciate the opportunity to refresh your memories. My concern has been, for a number of years, Senator Dierks, that private prisons in other states have gone into states unregulated. And this is changing now. There are many, many states now that are regulating those private prisons. But they have, in some cases, allowed local subdivisions to have contracts with those private prisons, and those local subdivisions don't get things written into the contract that they need to. Or there is no auditing of whether the private prisons are complying with those contracts or not. For instance, in one state, and it was Ohio, they said they wanted only minimum-security prisoners and medium-security prisoners. And it wasn't until after a riot...and I mentioned this on the floor the other day...and six escapees, two murders, and some assaults, that the state of Ohio actually discovered that those prisoners were actually maximum-security prisoners that D.C., Washington D.C. was sending into there. And nobody had really been questioning the prisoners that were being sent in. So there was no supervision. In some states there's been no training of guards. And in some states there have been severe beatings of prisoners, for instance. This would require them to have accreditation within two years of establishment. In many states, there's no requirement that they have to be accredited by the American Correctional Accreditation Association. And so on and on like that. There are provisions in the bill that says that there has to be medical treatment, there has to be...you know, they have to be provided with